
In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (currently amended) A car seat with an extendable back which comprises:

a seat member for positioning upon a seating surface within said car;

a back member connected to said seat member, said back member further comprising:

a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section;

a movable component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section capable of movement from a retracted position to an extended position, said movable component comprising

an upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings and an upper headrest width,

a lower area separated from said upper headrest area by a pair of fixed size laterally and inwardly-projecting indentations, said indentations extending into said middle section of said movable component and accommodating an automobile shoulder belt through one of said indentations, said lower area having a surface and a contour in cross-section for sliding movement along said fixed component having a mating contoured surface in cross-section, said lower area fixedly connected to said upper headrest area, said lower area having a lower area width,

said upper headrest width and said lower area width being essentially the same, said movement from said first to said second position occurring by sliding movement of said movable component with said fixed component along said raised contoured sides of both said fixed and movable components,

said upper headrest area in invariant fixed relationship to said lower area and separated by said indentations,

said fixed and movable components in overlapping essentially gapless relationship

with respect to each other with sliding movement between said components at both said retracted and extended positions,

and further wherein sliding movement between said components does not increase a size of said indentations between said upper headrest area and said lower area; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.

2. (original) The seat of claim 1 wherein said movable component is attached in front of said fixed component.
3. (original) The seat of claim 1 wherein said fixed component and said movable component permit telescoping movement therebetween.
4. (original) The seat of claim 3 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least one longitudinal channel in said fixed component.
5. (original) The seat of claim 4 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least two longitudinal channels in said fixed component.
6. (deleted)
7. (previously presented) The seat of claim 5 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits adjustment by incremental discrete movement.
8. (original) The seat of claim 7 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component is a pair of outwardly biased shafts which engage locking means on said fixed component.
9. (original) The seat of claim 8 wherein said locking means are mating teeth and grooves.
10. (previously presented) The seat of claim 1 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits infinitely variable movement.
11. (currently amended) A car seat having an extendable back which comprises:
 - a seat member for positioning upon a seating surface within said car;
 - a back member connected to said seat member, said back member further comprising:

a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section; and

a telescoping movable component overlapping and in contacting engagement with said fixed component, said telescoping movable component further comprising a fixed upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings, an opposed lower surface having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section which mate with said contour of said fixed component, said upper headrest area and said lower surface separated by a pair of fixed size laterally and inwardly-projecting indentations, said indentations extending into said middle section of said movable component and for use with an automobile shoulder belt through one of said indentations, and wherein movement of said fixed and movable components relative to each other provides contiguous essentially parallel surface support for an occupant's back when said movable component is both in a retracted position and an extended position without increasing a size of said indentations; and

a width between said upper headrest wings and a width of said lower surface between said contoured sides being essentially the same, said movement occurring by sliding movement of said movable component with said fixed component along said raised contoured sides of both said fixed and movable components; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.

12. (original) The seat of claim 11 wherein said movable component is attached in front of said fixed component.
13. (original) The seat of claim 12 wherein an inner contour of said movable component mates with an outer contour of said fixed component.
14. (original) The seat of claim 13 wherein said inner contour of said movable component nests with an outer contour of said fixed component.
15. (previously presented) The seat of claim 14 wherein an outer contour of said movable component further comprises a pair of raised surfaces for side support of an occupant.

16. (original) The seat of claim 15 wherein said fixed component and said movable component permit telescoping movement therebetween.
17. (original) The seat of claim 16 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least one longitudinal channel in said fixed component.
18. (original) The seat of claim 17 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least two longitudinal channels in said fixed component.
19. (original) The seat of claim 18 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits adjustment by incremental discrete movement.
20. (original) The seat of claim 19 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component is a pair of outwardly biased shafts which engage locking means on said fixed component.
21. (original) The seat of claim 20 wherein said locking means are mating teeth and grooves.
22. (original) The seat of claim 18 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits infinitely variable movement.
23. (currently amended) An extendable back member for use with a car seat which comprises:
 - a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle surface and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section;
 - a movable component capable of movement from a first to a second position, said movable component comprising
 - an upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings and
 - an opposed lower area having a laterally extending essentially flat middle surface and a pair of raised contoured sides for sliding movement along said matingly contoured surfaces of said fixed component creating an essentially flat surface for an occupant's back,
 - said upper headrest area in invariant fixed relationship to said lower area and separated by a pair of laterally and inwardly-projecting indentations, said indentations extending into said middle section of said movable component for use with an automobile shoulder belt through one of said indentations,

said fixed and movable components in overlapping essentially gapless and contacting relationship with respect to each other with sliding movement between said components and further without increasing a size of said indentations with said sliding movement; and

a width between said upper headrest wings and a width of said lower area between said contoured sides being essentially the same, said movement from said first to said second position occurring by sliding movement of said movable component with said fixed component along said raised contoured sides of both said fixed and movable components; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.

24. (previously presented) The seat of claim 23 wherein said movable component is attached in front of said fixed component.
25. (previously presented) The seat of claim 23 wherein said fixed component and said movable component permit telescoping movement therebetween.
26. (previously presented) The seat of claim 25 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least one longitudinal channel in said fixed component.
27. (previously presented) The seat of claim 26 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least two longitudinal channels in said fixed component.
28. (deleted)
29. (previously presented) The seat of claim 27 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits adjustment by incremental discrete movement.
30. (previously presented) The seat of claim 29 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component is a pair of outwardly biased shafts which engage locking means on said fixed component.
31. (previously presented) The seat of claim 30 wherein said locking means are mating teeth and grooves.
32. (previously presented) The seat of claim 23 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits infinitely variable movement.

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38. (currently amended) An extendable back member for use with a car seat which comprises:

a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle surface and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section;

a movable component capable of movement from a first to a second position, said movable component comprising

an upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings and

an opposed lower area having a laterally extending essentially flat middle surface and a pair of raised contoured sides for sliding movement along said matingly contoured surfaces of said fixed component creating an essentially flat surface for an occupant's back,

said upper headrest area in invariant fixed relationship to said lower area and separated by a pair of laterally and inwardly-projecting indentations, said indentations extending into said middle section of said movable component and for use with an automobile shoulder belt through one of said indentations,

said fixed and movable components in overlapping essentially gapless and contacting relationship with respect to each other with sliding movement between said components and further without increasing a size of said indentations with said sliding movement; and

a width between said upper headrest wings and a width of said lower area between said contoured sides being essentially the same, said movement from said first to said second position occurring by sliding movement of said movable component with said fixed component along said raised contoured sides of both said fixed and movable components; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.

39. (currently amended) A car seat having an extendable back which comprises:

a seat member for positioning upon a seating surface within said car;

a back member connected to said seat member, said back member further comprising:

a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section; and

a telescoping movable component overlapping and in contacting engagement with said fixed component, said telescoping movable component further comprising a fixed upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings, an opposed lower surface having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section which mate with said contour of said fixed component, said upper headrest area and said lower surface separated by a pair of fixed size laterally and inwardly-projecting indentations, said indentations extending into said middle section of said movable component and for use with an automobile shoulder belt through one of said indentations, and wherein movement of said fixed and telescoping components relative to each other provides contiguous essentially parallel surface support for an occupant's back when said movable component is both in a retracted position and an extended position without increasing a size of said indentations; and

a width between said upper headrest area wings and a width between said raised contoured sides of said movable component being essentially the same, said movement from said retracted to said extended position occurring by sliding movement of said movable component with said fixed component along said raised contoured sides of both said fixed and movable components; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.

40. (currently amended) A car seat with an extendable back which comprises:

a seat member for positioning upon a seating surface within said car;

a back member connected to said seat member, said back member further comprising:

a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section;

a movable component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section capable of movement from a retracted position to an extended position, said movable component comprising

an upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings and an upper headrest width,

a lower area separated from said upper area by a pair of fixed size laterally and inwardly-projecting indentations, said indentations extending into said middle section of said movable component and to accommodate an automobile shoulder belt guide through one of said indentations, said lower area having a surface and a contour in cross-section for sliding movement along said fixed component having a mating contoured surface in cross-section, said lower area fixedly connected to said upper headrest area, said lower area having a lower area width,

said upper headrest width and said lower area width being essentially the same,

said upper headrest area in invariant fixed relationship to said lower area and separated by said indentations,

said fixed and movable components in overlapping essentially gapless relationship with respect to each other with sliding movement between said components at both said retracted and extended positions,

a width between said upper headrest wings and said width of said lower area between said contoured sides being essentially the same, said movement from said retracted to said extended position occurring by sliding movement of said movable component with said fixed component along said raised contoured sides of both said fixed and movable components; and

and further wherein sliding movement between said components does not increase a size of said indentations between said upper headrest area and said lower area; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.